

REMARKS

Upon entry of the amendments made herein claims 1 and 9-23 will be pending in the application. Claims 1, 9-12, 14-16 and 18-22 are amended herein. New claim 23 has been added. Claims 2-8 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 9-12, 14-16 and 18-22 have been amended to further define the invention and/or to maintain proper claim dependencies. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found, *e.g.*, in the application and claims as originally filed. Specifically, support for amended claim 1 can be found in original claim 2. Support for amended claim 16 can be found in original claim 1. Support for new claim 23 can be found in original claims 1 and 19. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Formal Matters

Applicants request rejoiner of the method claims presented herein. Section 821.04(b) of the MPEP provides as follows:

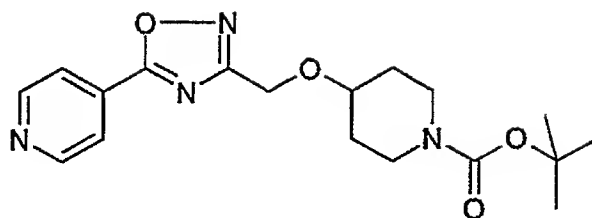
...if applicant elects a claim(s) directed to a product which is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable product claim will be considered for rejoiner. All claims directed to a nonelected process invention must depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable product claim for that process invention to be rejoined. Upon rejoiner of claims directed to a previously nonelected process invention, the restriction requirement between the elected product and rejoined process(es) will be withdrawn.

Claims 19-22 are drawn towards methods of using the compound of claim 1. Further, claims 19-22 are directly dependent upon claim 1 and, thus, require all the limitations of product claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants request the rejoiner of claims 19-22.

Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to compounds and compositions of Formulae I, Id and Ie. Claims 1 and 9-18 read on the elected invention.

The Examiner also required election of a single disclosed species. Accordingly, Applicants elect the following species:



Support for this species can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed, *e.g.*, in Example 41. Claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15-23 read on the elected species.

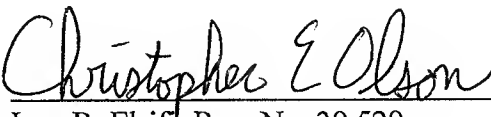
It is Applicants' understanding that the species election is for searching purposes only, and upon a finding of allowability of the elected species, the remaining species will also be searched.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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